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15	NORTHERN DISTRICT	OF CALIFORNIA
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17	FINJAN LLC,	Case No. 3:14-CV-04908-JD
18	Plaintiff,	DEFENDANT PALO ALTO
19	V.	NETWORKS, INC.'S NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION TO EXPEDITE HEARING
20	PALO ALTO NETWORKS, INC.,	SCHEDULE SCHEDULE
21 22	Defendant.	Date: September 14, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. Dept: Courtroom 11
23		Judge: Hon. James Donato
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# **NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION**

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, San Francisco Division, in Courtroom 11 before the Honorable James Donato, Defendant Palo Alto Networks, Inc. ("PAN") will and hereby does move pursuant to Civil Local Rule 6-3 to expedite the time for the Court to rule on PAN's Motion to Change Case Schedule (Dkt. No. 256) ("Scheduling Motion").

# **RELIEF REQUESTED**

PAN seeks to expedite resolution of the Scheduling Motion by moving the hearing to September 14, 2023, or as soon thereafter as the Court can hear the motion or, alternatively, vacating the October 5, 2023 motion hearing and deciding the Scheduling Motion on the papers. PAN requests this relief to ensure that the Scheduling Motion is resolved in advance of the upcoming deadline for summary judgment (October 26, 2023) and to ensure the most efficient resolution of this case.

### **STATEMENT OF ISSUES**

Whether the Court should expedite resolution of PAN's Scheduling Motion by moving the hearing to September 14, 2023, or as soon thereafter as the Court can hear the motion or, alternatively, vacating the October 5, 2023 motion hearing and deciding the Scheduling Motion on the papers.

#### **MEMORANDUM AND POINTS OF AUTHORITIES**

PAN submits this motion pursuant to Civil Local Rule 6-3 to request a shortening of time for the Court to resolve PAN's Scheduling Motion by moving the hearing on October 5, 2023 to September 14, 2023, or as soon thereafter as the Court can hear the motion or, alternatively, vacating the October 5, 2023 motion hearing and deciding the Scheduling Motion on the papers.

No previous modifications to the hearing schedule for PAN's Scheduling Motion have been requested or entered. The Court has ordered certain other changes to the schedule in this case. The Court's scheduling order dated August 22, 2022 ("2022 Scheduling Order") included

(i) a claim construction hearing on April 11, 2023, (ii) a deadline for dispositive and <i>Daubert</i>
motions on July 31, 2023 (111 days after the claim construction hearing), (iii) a hearing on
dispositive and <i>Daubert</i> motions on September 28, 2023, and (iv) trial on April 8, 2024. (Dkt.
No. 194.) The Court continued the claim construction hearing until, most recently, October 26,
2023. On February 15, 2023, the Court continued the claim construction hearing to May 11,
2023. (Dkt. No. 225.) Thereafter, due to preexisting trial conflicts, PAN requested that the claim
construction hearing be continued to June 1, 2023. (Dkt. No. 227.) The Court ordered the
hearing continued to that date and reset the deadline for dispositive motions to October 26, 2023.
(Dkt. No. 228.) On May 11, 2023, the Court again continued the claim construction hearing to
September 7, 2023. (Dkt. No. 247.) On August 15, 2023, the Court continued the claim
construction hearing to October 26, 2023 (Dkt. No. 254) but did not reset the deadline for
dispositive motions. Accordingly, dispositive motions are now due the same day as the claim
construction hearing.
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On August 28, 2023, PAN filed the Scheduling Motion seeking to reset case deadlines and reinstate the timing established in the 2022 Scheduling Order. (Dkt. No. 256.) On September 11, 2023, the parties met and conferred regarding PAN's request to expedite resolution of PAN's Scheduling Motion. Finjan stated that it would not take a position on PAN's request. PAN's request to expedite resolution of the Scheduling Motion will not alter any dates in the case schedule, other than the October 5, 2023, hearing on the motion itself.

PAN's request to expedite resolution of the Scheduling Motion is warranted given the imminent deadline for the filing of dispositive and *Daubert* motions. The current deadline for dispositive and *Daubert* motions is October 26, 2023. Accordingly, absent an early resolution of the Scheduling Motion, PAN will be forced to expend potentially unnecessary time and resources on those motions or, even worse, be forced to file those motions on October 26, 2023, without the benefit of any claim construction ruling. In short, the relief PAN seeks in the Scheduling Motion would be mooted absent a ruling in advance of, and preferably well in advance of, October 26, 2023.

Moreover, PAN's Scheduling Motion is ripe for an early resolution. Civil Local Rule

6-3(b) requires that "a party who opposes a motion to enlarge or shorten time must file an opposition not to exceed 5 pages, accompanied by a declaration setting forth the basis for opposition, no later than 4 days after receiving the motion." PAN filed the Scheduling Motion on Monday, August 28, 2023. (Dkt. No. 256.) Finjan did not timely respond. Only after PAN reached out to Finjan regarding its failure to timely respond did Finjan belatedly file a brief purporting to oppose PAN's proposed schedule. (Dkt. No. 257.) Finjan's reliance on Civil Local Rules 7, 16, and 40 to excuse its untimely opposition (Dkt. No. 257 n.1) is baseless. PAN's motion expressly relied on Civil Local Rule 6-3. Moreover, Civil Local Rules 16 and 40 require motions in accordance with Civil Local Rule 7, and Civil Local Rule 7 provides that motions to enlarge or shorten time should be filed under Civil Local Rule 6-1. (Civ. L.R. 7.1-(a)(2).) Even if the Court were to consider Finjan's untimely opposition, PAN's Scheduling Motion is fully briefed and could be heard on September 14, 2023, or as soon as is convenient for the Court.

But Finjan's opposition also confirms that PAN's Scheduling Motion is ripe for resolution on the papers and without a hearing. Finjan does not dispute that reinstating the original timing between the claim construction hearing and dispositive and *Daubert* motions would facilitate the most efficient resolution of this action and avoid unnecessarily burdening the Court. The only arguments that Finjan raises in its opposition can easily and summarily be addressed by the Court without a hearing.

For example, Finjan's claim that PAN fails to show "good cause" (Dkt. No. 257 at 3) ignores that PAN moved diligently to reinstate the original case schedule (in terms of post-claim construction events), that PAN would be prejudiced by expending unnecessary time and resources absent a scheduling change, and that the Court would be unnecessarily burdened because the case would not be efficiently streamlined by the filing of focused dispositive and *Daubert* motions with a claim construction ruling in hand.

Finjan's claim that it would be prejudiced if this case were tried 9½ years instead of 9 years after filing (Dkt. No. 257 at 4-5) is unsupported by any alleged specific prejudice, let alone any supporting declaration. And Finjan's claim is unavailing on its face given that Finjan is not an operating company and that three of the four asserted patents have already expired.

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1	Accordingly, for the reasons stated above, and as supported in the Declaration of Rose S.	
2	Lee pursuant to Civil Local Rule 6-3, PAN requests that the Court either expedite the hearing on	
3	its motion to change the case schedule to Thursday, September 14, 2023, or alternatively, that the	
4	Court vacate the October 5, 2023, motion hearing and issue an order on the papers.	
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6	Dated: September 11, 2023	
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